



**MEETING AGENDA**

- 2:30 – Orchids 101
- 3:00 – Meeting Begins
- 4:15 – Break
- 4:30 – Business Meeting
- 5:00 – Adjourn

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NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 4  
SPEAKER: ALAN KOCH

**The ABC’s of Orchid Nutrition**



This month there is something for everyone because Alan has a wide range of topics he can speak on and he has agreed to combine several of his talks:

- ***The ABC’s of Orchid Nutrition*** Learn some very simple tricks to get the most out of growing orchids.
  - ***Growing in the Home*** Learn to do your best with the situation you have.
  - ***Cattleya’s 365, 24/7*** Get the knowledge on how to build a collection that will flower all year long and how to grow them. Learn the species that have been used by hybridizers for years to control bloom time. Talk is adapted to your climate!
- Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleya’s. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to

the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 250,000 orchids.



He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, the American Orchid Society magazine, as well as many International Publications. He has also been published in the World Orchid Conference. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an Accredited Judge for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center.

Members can Preorder and receive a 20% discount and free freight by using the following discount code “GCOD” and it is case sensitive. Under freight include “Deliver to Society”, in coments put “GNTOS”

Deadline is October 28th.

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Judy Cook



We are now “post-show” and I think it went very well. (I finally had time to finish folding laundry this week!) We got a break with the rain – Sunday was sunny and definitely drier! Hope most of you had a chance to come out and look over the selection of orchids and supplies available and enjoy the beautiful displays. The GNTOS display got the best of show award and 2 AOS awards were given, one to Meir Moses and one to Todd Miller (two of our vendors).

If you have orchids outside, keep a watch on the low daily temperatures. Once they start dipping below 60, your Vandas, catasetums, phals and brassias ought to come in. When it starts hovering around 50 or so, most of the rest should come in. Nobile dendrobiums and cymbidiums can tolerate temps even into the 30's.

Oh, and don't forget to change your clocks the Saturday night before our meeting! Otherwise, you'll be spending some time shopping around at North Haven waiting for the meeting time to roll around. Remember, it'll be time to “Fall back”!

Lorna

## ORCHIDS 101

Kathy McKenzie

## Q&amp;A

Kathy McKenzie will answer your questions about orchid and orchid related topics.

## NEWSLETTER

Please submit articles, information, or suggestions for publication in our newsletter. No really. I'm serious. Help me out here. I'll take photos, stories whatever. I will give \$1 to the first person who asks for it at the meeting. Send submissions to me at: david@gouldcreative.com

## GNTOS Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2012

Kathi McKenzie conducted "Orchids 101" before the general meeting. She distributed a handout, "How Do I Feed My Orchid?"

President Lorna Kissling called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. She described the staffing requirements for the variety of activities for the forthcoming Orchid Show and requested members to volunteer and sign up. Emily Quinn described the types of plants that would be appropriate for the Society table top exhibit.

Kevin Fox, Vice-President, introduced the speaker, Weyman Bussey, who presented a program on "Laelias and Allies in Mexico: where they come from and how they grow." The presentation on the 12 (twelve) species included weather maps, topical maps, distribution maps, as well as geographical maps with cities and volcanos. Weyman included pictures of flowers, plants, and habitats. Some habitats were shown in both the dry and wet seasons. One of the novelties was an orchid vocabulary quiz in the middle of the presentation. The graphics were colorful and humorous. The presentation ended with advertisements of programs on other subjects. This program was humorous and very well done.

There was one visitor, a Bolivian, who is now living in the area. Mike Beber conducted the plant raffle. Nancy Cropp announced the results of the plant table and congratulated the ribbon winners.

## Plant Table Judging Results

Judge: Jean Whiting

## CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

Blue – Lc. Molly Tyler - Don Brigham

Red – C. Jungle Beau x Ctt. Ernest Renan  
– Kathi McKenzie

## DENDROBIUMS &amp; OTHERS

Blue – Dendrobium 'unknown' – Barbara McNamee

Red – Den. Red Lip – Barbara McNamee

White – Den. Andree Millar – Don Brigham

## ONCIDIUMS

Blue – Miltonia spectabilis v. Moreliana – Kathi McKenzie

## VANDAS &amp; PHALS

Blue – Phal. 'no name' – Don Brigham

## SPECIES OF THE MONTH

Miltonia spectabilis v. Moreliana – Kathi McKenzie

## PEOPLES CHOICE

Tie

Lc. Molly Tyler – Don Brigham

Den. Red Lip – Barbara McNamee

Note: there were only eight plants on the judging table this month.

**DALLAS JUDGING CENTER**

Nancy Cropp



**Bc. Theresa Ricci 'Susana'**  
**(Bc. Hippodamia x C. aclandiae)**  
 HCC 78 points  
 Owner: Millers Tropicals



**Phal. bellina 'Carol's Gift' (species)**  
 AM 82 points  
 Owner: Orchid Konnection

AOS Dallas Judging Center Oct. 13, 2012

Seven plants were entered for consideration, no awards were given.

New, current location:

Garland Senior Activity Center  
 600 W. Avenue A, Garland, TX

Parking accessible from both Ave. A and Ave. B

For the AOS judging on Oct. 12 at the show, seven plants were pulled for consideration, and two awards were given:

Bc. Theresa Ricci 'Susana'  
 (Bc. Hippodamia x C. aclandiae)  
 HCC 78 points, owner: Millers Tropicals

Phal. bellina 'Carol's Gift' (species)  
 AM 82 points, owner: Orchid Konnection

**GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT**

Barbara McNamee

Financial Report: August 31, 2012

	Income	Expenses
Dues	\$ .40.00	
Hospitality	-	
Raffle	-	
Room Rent	-	\$ .300.00
Snoopers	-	
Speakers meals/hotel	-	
Miscellaneous – financial software	-	
SWROGA Trophy	-	\$ .90.00
Snoopers Expense	-	
Library	-	
Audit Check	-	

The GNTOS exhibit contained 31 plants, and the Blind Hog exhibit contained 6 plants, totalling 37 plants contributed by 10 Society members. Numerous ribbons, trophies and the AOS Show Trophy were given to the Society exhibit. The Blind Hog exhibit also received ribbons and two trophies.





*Miltonia spectabilis* alba 'Full Moon'



*Miltonia spectabilis*



*Miltonia spectabilis* var. *moreliana*

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## *Miltonia spectabilis*

The *Miltonia* genus was identified by John Lindley in 1837, and named after Lord Fitzwilliam Milton, an English orchid enthusiast. *M. spectabilis* is the largest flowered of the Brazilian *Miltonias* (other Brazilian *miltonias* are *M. anceps*, *M. candida*, *M. clowesii*, *M. cuneata*, *M. flavescens*, *M. kayasimae*, *M. regnellii*, and *M. russelliana*). *M. spectabilis* is found along the east coast of Brazil, from the State of Pernambuco in the north through Bahia, Espírito Santo, Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo.

*M. spectabilis* produces fewer flowers on shorter inflorescences than most in this group, however with its wide lip, the flowers are the largest of these *Miltonias*. Because of its large flowers and its warmth tolerance, *M. spectabilis* has been used widely in hybridizing.

The plants are not large, but tend to produce two growths on each pseudobulb, so the plants can branch and grow to large specimens quickly. *M. spectabilis* likes moderate light, high humidity, and intermediate to warm temperatures. The bloom season is spring and/or fall. Blooms are typically born singly on an inflorescence, and can be up to 3" tall x 4" wide.

The bloom color is quite variable, and can range from alba and semi-alba forms through the deep colors of var. *Moreliana*.

## SOCIETY HISTORY

The GNTOS was formed in 1954 as a result of the joining of the Dallas Orchid Society and the North Texas Orchid Society. The new organization was formed as a nucleus for a larger and potentially greater Society with an enthusiastic membership. On March 19, 1954, we were issued a charter by the AOS as the Greater North Texas Orchid Society



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! ORCHIDS 101

We have had a lot of folks come to Orchids 101 the last few months. It is a great way to encourage new growers and prospective members. Recently we have had a general Q&A session, as well as "Repotting", and "Growing Orchids in the Home". This month we will have "Moving Orchids Outdoors" as our topic. BUT we need more speakers! Please think about what you could talk about. Each Orchids 101 is from 2:30 to 3 ... a quick talk or demo, followed by answering a few questions, and you are done!

Some possible topics (or make up your own):

- Why doesn't my orchid bloom?
- Watering & fertilizing orchids
- Pests & problems
- How to photograph your orchids

Or, pick your own topic ... ??

Please reply to Kathi McKenzie at: kam6318@yahoo.com and let me know what topic you can do, and what month or months you could do it.

I'd really like to get several months planned so Nancy can put in the newspaper.

Thanks!  
Kathi

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

2012

GNTOS membership dues are paid yearly by January 31, in order for you to be listed in the published Yearbook.

- \$20.00 – New or Renewing Member (individual)
- \$10.00 – Additional Member  
(each additional person in same household)

Please mail completed form with payment to:

Barbara McNamee  
909 Sleepy Hollow Drive  
Garland, TX 75043

Make check payable to GNTOS.

New Member       Renewing Member

Name (#1): \_\_\_\_\_

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